













## THE TEA TRADE.

The N. C. Daily News' Hankow correspondent, writing on the 12th inst., mentions the opening of the market on the 7th by Russian buyers and gives the following comparative figures for the same number of days from the opening:—

Season 1892-93.	Season 1891-92.
Arrivals.....52,412	40,000
Settlements.....16,924	10,000
Stock.....41,200	30,000

Quality of the tea hitherto shown is decidedly disappointing, generally being very dull and showing great want of character. Of the Kiating teas, Ningbo is the only description yet to hand, and those on the whole seem very badly made, being in many cases very choppy and dusty and in liquor decidedly flat. Hankow teas have scarcely arrived in sufficient quantity to judge of their quality with the exception of the Towyueys and Onfais, the first packs of these having all been offered and with one or two exceptions been purchased for Russia. The remainder seem likely to be settled for the same market during the course of the next few days. These kinds though of very good leaf size, great want of point in liquor, being for the most part thin and dull. Of Kowloon some 30 chops have been on offer and seem very much out of favour, the majority being very rough in leaf and tarry in cup. Shantans, first packs of these seem inferior in quality to last year, though in very difficult to estimate as yet, though natives are trying to raise the market on the usual rumors of a very short crop.

In a postscript, dated the 18th, he adds:—This afternoon we have had some 200 chops on the market, including the first arrivals of Keomun. These are somewhat disappointing showing in many cases great want of strength. A few others being made of from 15 to 25 to 35, but nothing has yet been settled.

## FOOCHOW NOTES.

May 11.  
Some seventeen ruffians, who have been in prison for years for murder, stood their final trial at the court of the Provincial Judge last week, and are now awaiting the Emperor's sanction for their execution. There are amongst them two females, who murdered their husbands.

The new Min Magistrate, immediately after taking over the seal of office, summoned all the managers of the native banks and money changers to his presence, and informed them that he intends to vigorously carry through the standing law established by his predecessor to the use of spurious cash, and that during his term of office he will do all in his power to extinguish the malpractices in this.

We understand that upon the expiration of the term of his office, the Tartar General requested leave from the Provincial Governor to Peking, and present himself to the Emperor according to old custom. Instead however of obtaining the desired permission, he was told that he must remain at Foochow, and that during his term of office he will do all in his power to extinguish the malpractices in this.

An we stated last week the finances of all piece-goods dealers are reported to be in a most precarious state, the failure of a beyond doubt correct firm of very long standing has occurred in the city, with liabilities reported to reach nearly \$300,000. The business of such dealers is generally in connection with one another, and so serious a failure must inevitably bring several others in its train.—*Edo.*

## NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

## HER MAJESTY'S RETURN.

London, May 4.—The Queen has returned to Windsor.

## THE EXECUTION OF THE SHIRE AND NYASSA DISTRICTS.

Mr. Johnston has telegraphed to Government reporting that the execution of the Shire and Nyassa districts is now complete, and that Mr. King and a Paras doctor, wounded in the former fight, have recovered.

## THE SENTENCE ON DEERING.

Melbourne, May 3.—Deering was quite calm on being sentenced to death, and declared in a rambling statement that he suffered from lack of memory and was oblivious of the murder with which he was charged. He further said that in the event of his acquittal he would have committed suicide.

## ORMA.

London, 4th May.—Mr. Lester, the horse dealer who has examined 'Orma,' is convinced that the horse has not been poisoned, but that the trouble is due to a decayed tooth, which is likely to recur before long.

## LONDON, MAY 5.—'ORMA' IS BETTER.

The Duke of Westminster repudiates the decayed tooth theory, but says that the method of poisoning is yet a mystery.

## LATER.—'ORMA' NOW SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA OF THE STOMACH, AND HIS PROSPECTS FOR THE DERBY ARE FAINTING.

## THE COTTON STRIKE IN LANCAIRE.

London, May 6.—The cotton strike in Lancashire has been settled by mutual concessions on the part of masters and men, and a general resumption of work takes place on Monday.

## THE YAKINE IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The Committee of Ministers and others, which has been sitting here, has reported in favour of permitting the export of meat and oats from the Baltic ports.

## THE MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

London, May 5.—At a meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce a resolution was passed that, the bad state of trade being due to the violent fluctuations in silver, Government should be urged to promote an international bimetallic league.

## Intimations.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1892.

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Empress of China	Saturday	June 18.
Empress of India	Saturday	July 9.

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Hongkong, May 19, 1892.

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